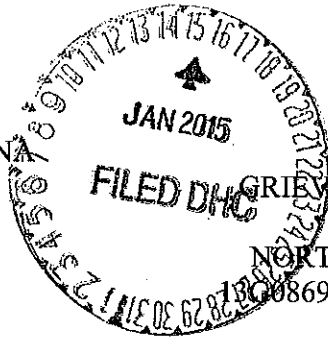


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR  
OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR  
14G0869, 14G0838, 14G0901, 14G0969,  
14G1070, 14G1097

IN RE:

ELESHA M. SMITH, ATTORNEY

CONSENT ORDER  
TRANSFERRING MEMBER TO DISABILITY  
INACTIVE STATUS

This matter is before the undersigned Chair of the Grievance Committee of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(b). Brian P.D. Oten represented the North Carolina State Bar ("State Bar"). Elesha M. Smith was represented by Alan M. Schneider. Based upon the information presented and with the consent of the member and of the Office of Counsel, the undersigned makes the following

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Bar ("State Bar") is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 84 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Bar promulgated thereunder.
2. Elesha M. Smith ("Smith"), was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar on 7 September 2007 and is, and was at all times referred to herein, an attorney at law licensed to practice in North Carolina, subject to the rules, regulations and Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar and the laws of the State of North Carolina.
3. During the times relevant herein, Smith was engaged in the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and maintained a law office in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina.
4. Smith currently suffers from depression and anxiety which significantly impairs her professional performance, judgment, and competence as an attorney.
5. Smith voluntarily consents to being transferred to disability inactive status.
6. The State Bar consents to Smith's transfer to disability inactive status.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

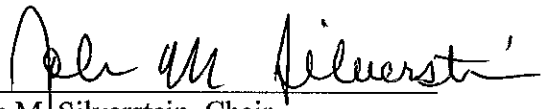
1. There is clear, cogent and convincing evidence that Smith is disabled within the meaning of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0103(19).

2. Smith should be transferred to disability inactive status with the State Bar.
3. Smith and the State Bar voluntarily consent to Smith's transfer to disability inactive status pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(b).
4. Any pending or future grievances against Smith should be stayed during the period of disability.

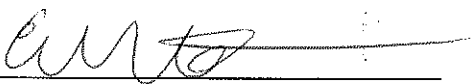
THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

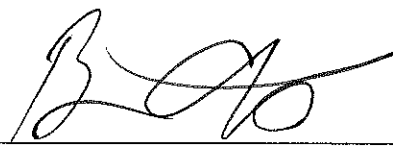
1. Elesha M. Smith is transferred to disability inactive status.
2. Smith shall not practice law in North Carolina until she is no longer disabled and has been returned to active status as a member of the North Carolina State Bar pursuant to the procedures set out in 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0125(c).
3. Any pending or future grievances against Smith are hereby stayed during the period of disability until such time as Smith returns to active status. The State Bar may continue to investigate allegations of misconduct and preserve evidence as necessary pursuant to 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B § .0118(e).


This, the 15 day of January, 2015.

  
John M. Silverstein, Chair  
Grievance Committee

CONSENTED TO:

  
Elesha M. Smith

  
Brian P.D. Oten  
Deputy Counsel

  
Alan M. Schneider  
Counsel for Elesha M. Smith